REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the October 27, 2004 Office Action. Claims 1 to 9, 11, and 12 are in the application, with Claim 1 being independent. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 9 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 2,823,245 (Solow). Claims 1 to 4, 9, 11, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Solow and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,415,700 (Arthur). Claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Solow in view of JP 55-68681 (JP '681). Claims 1, 2, 4 to 7, 9, 11, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Solow in view of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0055894 (Iwasaki). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

According to one feature of the invention as recited by Claim 1, a side surface of the plate-shaped member has an edge in contact with the installation surface and has a part in contact with the second support member.

Solow, Arthur, JP '681, and Iwasaki, either alone or in combination, are not seen to teach or suggest at least the foregoing feature.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from the independent claim discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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